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CLAIM #18
18. (Amended) A composition, comprising a bead conjugated to a solid support and further conjugated to a nucleic acid, wherein conjugation is effected with a crosslinking agent.

18 19. (Amended) The method of Claim 9, wherein conjugation is effected with a crosslinking agent.

REMARKS

Claim 2 is amended to remove trademarks and non-generic names, and to replace them with their generic equivalents. Claims 18 and 19 are amended to correct minor grammatical errors.

Similarly, the specification is amended to identify trademark items as such (e.g., Dynabeads, Sephadex and Sepharose represented as Dynabeads^R, Sephadex^R and Sepharose^R, respectively), and to provide generic equivalents for trademark items (Dynabeads^R, Sephadex^R and Sepharose^R) and non-generic names (Wang resin, Merrifield resin) on pages 3, 4 and 6. These items are well-known to individuals skilled in the art and their generic descriptions are readily available. Pages from the corresponding trade catalogs describing the trademarked items and their generic equivalents are provided. Therefore, no new matter has been added and no new search is required.

In addition copies of Forms PTO-1449 forms filed on January 21, 1999, February 3, 1999, and April 28, 1999 in which four references (items JC, A and B and AC respectively) appear to have been overlooked. For the convenience of the Examiner, copies of these references, which were previously submitted, are also enclosed. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner initial the corresponding entry for the documents on the PTO-1449 Forms attached herewith for the purpose of establishing a clear record that those references were considered during prosecution.

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The Notice of Allowance indicates that Reasons for Allowance were attached. They were not received. Telephone calls to the Examiner have not been successful in obtaining the statement of the Reasons for Allowance. Applicant requests that the Examiner forward the Reasons for Allowance and permit applicant the opportunity to respond.

Any fees that may be due in connection with filing this paper, or with this application during its entire pendency, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 08-1641.

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